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Senator Dante Bartolomeo
Representative Diana Urban
Committee on Children
State Capitol Building, Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Bartolomeo and Representative Urban:

My name is Sophia Hudson and I would like to testify in favor of Senate Bill 209 that provides funding for the Reach Out and Read program in Connecticut.

My child loves to go to our pediatrician and take home a brand new book. At each office visit my doctor talks about the importance of reading to my child and encourages me to read and talk to my child. It has helped me understand how my child learns and has increased our time together. My daughter loves to use her imagination and books help her to visualize and recognize new words that she can use in everyday conversations. One of her favorite books that she received from her doctor is called Change the World before Bedtime. The book takes an inspirational look into how the little things such as a smile, a kind word, or a simple deed can help the world in a great way. Reach Out and Read is a great program and I hope you will support it. Thank you for the opportunity.

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